



2023 South Dakota Legislature

House Bill 1059**HOUSE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ENGROSSED**

Introduced by: **Representative** Emery

1 **An Act to establish a community paramedic endorsement.**

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 **Section 1. That chapter 36-4B be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

4 A community paramedic endorsement is hereby created. The board may issue a
5 community paramedic endorsement to a person who:

6 (1) Is licensed as an emergency medical technician-paramedic;

7 (2) Completes the education requirements and training approved by the board and
8 promulgated in accordance with § 36-4B-35; and

9 (3) Applies on a form prescribed by the board.

10 **Section 2. That chapter 36-4B be amended with a NEW SECTION:**

11 A person who holds a community paramedic endorsement shall practice in
12 accordance with protocols and supervisory standards established by the board in
13 accordance with § 36-4B-35. A person with a community paramedic endorsement may
14 provide services as directed by a patient care plan if the plan has been developed by the
15 patient's primary physician, an advanced practice registered nurse, or a physician
16 assistant, in conjunction with the medical director of the ambulance service.

17 **Section 3. That § 36-4B-35 be AMENDED:**

18 **36-4B-35.** The board shall ~~adopt~~ promulgate rules, pursuant to chapter 1-26, to:

19 (1) Establish the educational and training curriculum requirements and the
20 examination requirements for applicants to become licensed as advanced life
21 support personnel;

22 (2) Establish the procedure for the administration of the advanced life support program
23 and designate the responsibilities of the department and the board;

24 (3) Regulate the professional conduct of licensees; ~~and~~

- 1 (4) Establish the educational and training requirements and conditions for issuance of
2 a critical care endorsement, as provided for in § 36-4B-18.1; and
3 (5) Establish the:
4 (a) Educational and training requirements and conditions for issuance of a
5 community paramedic endorsement; and
6 (b) Practice protocols and supervisory requirements for a person with a
7 community paramedic endorsement.